THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. However, on 31-1-92, due to fog at Delhi airport, Vayudoot flights were delayed and flight No. PF 103 operating on Delhi-Dehradun-Delhi route and flight No. PF 105 operating on Delhi-Chandigarh-Kulu-Chandigarh-Delhi routes were combined. The flight was supposed to go to Dehradun first and then to Chandigarh. Due to non availability of Air Traffic Control facilities at Dehradun, the flight could not land there and was diverted to Chandigarh.

Flight timings of Indian Airlines

4486. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the latest Indian Airlines flight timings causes great inconvenience to the air travellers from Bombay to Delhi due to cancellation of a flight at noon from Bombay to Delhi and by change to smaller aircraft Airbus 320 at 9.10 A.M. (IC-406) from Bombay;

(b) whether it is also a fact that between 9.10 A.M. to 6.00 P.M. there are no Indian Airlines flights now from either Delhi to Bombay or Bombay to Delhi; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the timings and increase more flights on this sector?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. The bulk of the traffic demand between Bombay and Delhi consists of commercial travellers who generally prefer morning/ evening services.

(b) Yes, Sir,

(c) An afternoon service between Bombay and Delhi is likely to be introduced by Indian Airlines in it's summer schedule 1992.

Suspension of Gorakhpur and Allahabad flight from Delhi

4487. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the occupancy of flights of Indian Airlines during last three years, especially the flights connecting the State capitals; and

(b) what is the reason for suspending the flights for Gorakhpur and Allahabad from Delhi and Bombay-Pune?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The requisite information is given in the statement (*see* below).

(b) Due to capacity constraints Indian Airlines has withdrawn its services between Delhi-Gorakhpur, Delhi-Allahabad and Bombay-Pune. Vayudoot flights between Bombay-Pune-Bombay are, however, available on daily basis.

Statement

Details of Occupancy of Indian Airlines' Flights connecting the State Capitals during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91

Flt. No.	Route	Seat Occupancy (Seat Factor %)		
		1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
101/102	Bombay/Pune	80.7	79.5	—
103/104	Bombay/Ahmedabad	91.0	91.6	86.8
105/106	Bombay/Bangalore	92.1	87.9	88.4
107/108	Bombay/Bangalore	91.3	80.7	89.1
111/112	Bombay/Indore	—	68.3	—
113/114	Bombay/Ahmedabad	91.5	91.6	89.6
115/116	Bombay/Rajkot	78.5	73.6	87.9
117/118	Bombay/Hyderabad	80.4	76.9	79.0